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randomly selecting an outcome for the game from a plurality of possible outcomes;

awarding a monetary payout from the gaming machine for a winning outcome;

dispensing a tangible sweepstakes entry from the gaming machine in response to predetermined criteria;

submitting the sweepstakes entry to enter the sweepstakes without involving the gaming machine; and

conducting the sweepstakes after the sweepstakes entry is dispensed from the gaming machine.

2. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, [wherein the step of conducting a game includes selecting an outcome from a plurality of possible outcomes, and] wherein the predetermined criteria includes the selected outcome being a predetermined one or more of the plurality of possible outcomes.

4. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, [wherein the step of conducting a game includes selecting an outcome from a plurality of possible outcomes, and] wherein the predetermined criteria includes the selected outcome being associated with a payout exceeding a predetermined threshold.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 1 [6], wherein the sweepstakes entry is pre-printed with identifying indicia. [paper entry form is pre-printed.]

14. (Twice Amended) A method of playing a gaming machine, [conducting a sweepstakes,] comprising:

receiving a wager to initiate play of a game on the a gaming machine;

randomly selecting an outcome for the game from a plurality of possible outcomes;

representing the selected game outcome on a visual display;

awarding a monetary payout from the gaming machine for a winning outcome;

dispensing a tangible sweepstakes entry from the gaming machine in response to predetermined criteria;
submitting the sweepstakes entry to enter the sweepstakes without involving the gaming machine; and
conducting the sweepstakes after the sweepstakes entry is dispensed from the gaming machine.

18. (Thrice Amended) A gaming machine, comprising:
[means for conducting a game including random selection of a game outcome;]
a credit receiving mechanism for receiving a wager to initiate play of a game on the gaming machine;
a central processing unit for randomly selecting an outcome for the game from a plurality of possible outcomes;
means for awarding a monetary payout from the gaming machine for a winning outcome;
a dispenser for dispensing a tangible sweepstakes entry in response to predetermined criteria; and
means for submitting the sweepstakes entry to enter a sweepstakes without involving the gaming machine, the sweepstakes being conducted after the sweepstakes entry is dispensed from the gaming machine.
19. (Once Amended) The gaming machine of claim 18, [wherein the conducting means selects an outcome from a plurality of possible outcomes, and] wherein the predetermined criteria includes the selected outcome being a predetermined one or more of the plurality of possible outcomes.
21. (Once Amended) The gaming machine of claim 18, [wherein the conducting means selects an outcome from a plurality of possible outcomes, and] wherein the predetermined criteria includes the selected outcome being associated with a payout exceeding a predetermined threshold.